



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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June 17, 2007

Allen J. Danzig  
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Re: 02-RIN-01198-06

Dear Mr. Danzig:

I am writing in response to your June 30, 2006, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information regarding the Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek site in Gibbsboro, New Jersey. In your FOIA you requested "all documents, correspondence, and data relied on or reviewed by EPA in proposing to list the site and all other information relating to EPA's proposal to place the site on the National Priorities List." Your FOIA specifically referenced memoranda and correspondence between the HRS Contractor and Region II, and correspondence between EPA Region II and EPA Headquarters.

Sherwin-Williams has already been provided all public documentation supporting the proposal of the Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek site to the NPL. All other documents related to your request are predecisional and deliberative; therefore, EPA is denying your request pursuant to the exemption from disclosure provisions of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5). An itemized list of the records which are being withheld under this denial is attached.

You may appeal this denial by submitting a written appeal to the Freedom of Information Operations Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460, within 30 days of receipt of the denial. Your appeal should contain a reference to the request, the identification (RIN) number listed above, and the date of this determination.

Sincerely,  
  
George Pavlou, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

Attachment

1. HRS Teleconference Record for Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek site, dated October 11, 2005.
2. Quality Assurance (QA) Review Letter for Source Characterization Section of Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek HRS package, dated November 1, 2005.
3. HRS Teleconference Record for Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek site, dated November 8, 2005.
4. QA Review Letter for Surface Water Overland Flow/Flood Migration Section of Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek HRS package, dated November 18, 2005.
5. QA Review Letter for Ground Water to Surface Water Section of Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek HRS package, dated November 18, 2005.
6. Revised draft HRS package, dated March 2, 2006.
7. Revised draft HRS package, dated March 17, 2006.
8. HRS Teleconference Record for Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek site, dated March 22, 2006.
9. Final QA Review Letter for Sherwin-Williams/Hilliards Creek HRS package dated March 30, 2006.